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SUBJ: DUPONT CARIBBEAN/TRANSLINEAR

1. TRANSLINEAR PRESIDENT WILLIAM CARDEN CALLED AT EMBASSY AUGUST 6 TO REPORT RESULTS OF INTERVIEW HE HAD TWO DAYS EARLIER WITH FINANCE SECRETARY FRANCISQUE. ACCORDING CARDEN, FRANCISQUE IS DEEPLY PERTURBED BY HIS LOSS OF INFLUENCE WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND CITES THIS AS REASON HE, FRANCISQUE, IS UNABLE TO GET TORTUGA CONCESSION PROBLEM RESOLVED. FRANCISQUE REPORTEDLY TOLD CARDEN THAT JUSTICE SECRETARY FORTUNE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED EARLIER TO EXPEDITE GOH COURT DECISION REGARDING DUPONT CARIBBEAN CONCESSION AND THAT JUDGEMENT HAD BEEN EXPECTED JULY 23, THE DAY OF PALACE FIRE. SUBSEQUENTLY, ACCORDING TO CARDEN'S INFORMATION FROM FRANCISQUE, DON PIERSON ALLEGEDLY MANAGED TO BUY OFF CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED GOH OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO DELAY JUDGEMENT AND WITH VIEW TOWARD FORCING FRANCISQUE FROM OFFICE. ADDITIONALLY, CARDEN REPORTS HE HAS HEARD THAT PRESIDENT OR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY ARE HOLDING UP ON EJECTING DUPONT CARIBBEAN FROM TORTUGA SCENE BECAUSE OF FEAR USG WILL OBJECT.

2. FRANCISQUE ADVISED CARDEN TO ARRANGE PRIVATE SHOWING FOR PRESIDENT OF TRANSLINEAR PROMOTIONAL FILM ON HAITI AND
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TORTUGA, BUT DISCLAIMED ANY ABILITY TO ADVANCE TRANSLINEAR'S

CAUSE IN THIS RESPECT. JUSTICE SECRETARY FORTUNE ALSO
REPORTEDLY DEMURRED WHEN ASKED BY CARDEN TO SECURE
APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT.

3. LATEST SOUNDINGS BY EMBASSY INDICATE THAT COURT DECISION
ON SUIT AGAINST DUPONT CARIBBEAN IS EXPECTED QTE TOMORROW
UNQTE, OR AT ANY RATE SOON. THIS IS SAME INFORMATION WE
HAVE BEEN GETTING FOR WEEKS.
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